

## Organization Administrator: Maintain Department/Locations

### This Job Aid shows how to:

- Create and Maintain departments and locations in COMMBUYS

### Of Special Note:

Departments and locations are entered into the system by the Organization Administrator (OA) after discussion with the Agency Chief Procurement Officer, Chief Fiscal Officer and COMMBUYS liaisons. Thought and structure must be developed or known to ensure organization structure is established properly. Organization Administrators maintain the departments, locations, users and approval paths for their organization in COMMBUYS. The set-up options available for Organization Administrators in COMMBUYS provide systematic control of the end-to-end procurement process, including document creation rights, viewing privileges and user workflow within their organization. NOTE: A department and a location must be assigned prior to adding agency users. If your organization does not have a department and a location, you can duplicate your Organization (and or Department) information to satisfy that requirement.

### Screenshot



Welcome To **COMMBUYS**

**COMMBUYS**  
OPERATIONAL SERVICES DIVISION

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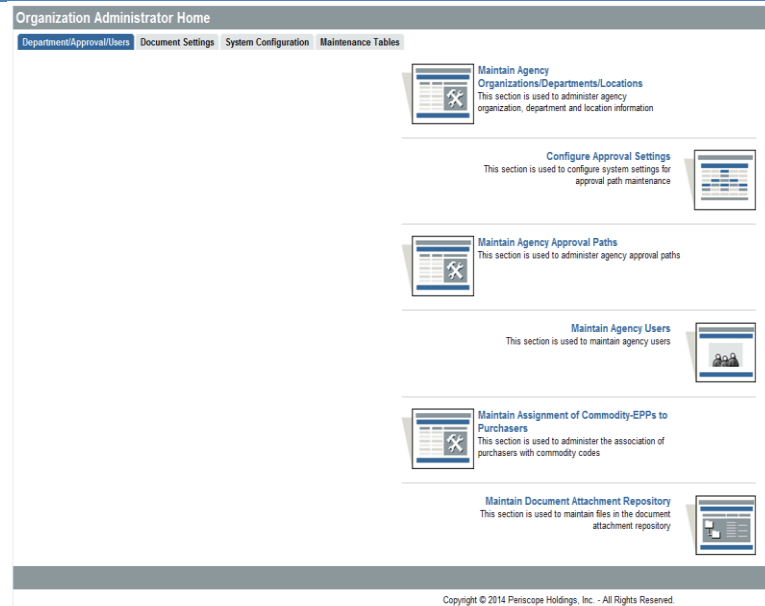
1. Launch the COMMBUYS website by entering the URL [www.commbuys.com](http://www.commbuys.com) into the Browser.

Login using your Login ID and password.



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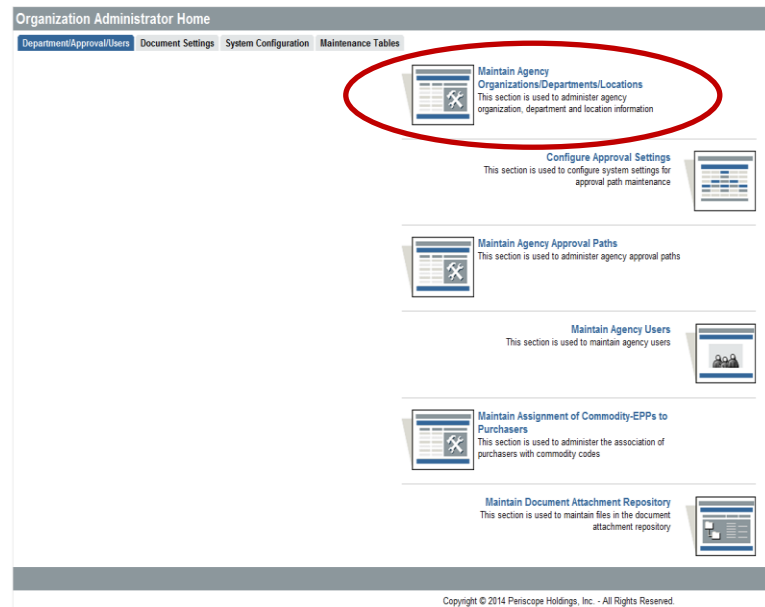
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2. This is the Organization Administrator home page which has a **Control Center** for all actions related to department configuration and maintenance.

The home page opens on the **Department/Approval/Users** tab. This page is the main menu and the starting point for any department, approval and user maintenance actions.



3. To add or edit a new department, click **Maintain Agency Organizations/ Departments/ Locations**.

COMMBUYS will open the Maintain Organization & Department view for the User's Current Organization.



4. Click the **Maintain Organization Departments** icon to add and maintain department information.

This allows you to maintain **Departments**, which are the second tier of the organizational structure in COMMBUYS.



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Department Maintenance for: Operational Services Division

Department ID	Department Name	Status
<a href="#">0000CONV0</a>	Default Data Conversion Department	Active
<a href="#">000001</a>	Operational Services Division	Active
<a href="#">000002</a>	OSD - Strategic Sourcing	Active

[Add Department](#)
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5. After clicking the **Maintain Organization Departments** icon, you will see a list of all departments for your organization. Perform departmental maintenance from this page.

To add a department, click the **Add Department** button at the bottom of the page.

6. To add a department for your organization, any field marked with an asterisk (\*), must be completed.

Once complete, click **Save & Exit**.

## Field Descriptions:

- **Department ID** – required; unique identifier for the address; 5-digit alpha numeric ID, once set, the dept ID cannot be changed
- **Organization** – your current organization
- **Department Name** – required; name for Department
- **Status** – active or inactive
- **Allow Manual Override Encumbrance #** – Not Applicable
- **Auto Encumbrance # Prefix** – Not applicable
- **Limit Solicitation Access** – If checked, solicitations associated with this department will be filtered out of external searches (e.g., Open Bids). (General rule - should not be used.)
- **Limit Contract Access** – If checked, contracts associated with this department will be filtered out of external searches (e.g., Active Contracts). (General rule - should not be used.)

Add Department

Department Information

Department ID\*:  Organization: AGENCY - Operational Services Division

Department Name\*:  Status:

Allow Manual Override Encumbrance#  Auto Encumbrance # Prefix:

Alternate ID:

Limit Solicitation access for external users (If checked, all Solicitations associated to this Organization will be filtered out of external searches.) ☐

Limit Contract access for external users (If checked, all Contracts associated to this Organization will be filtered out of external searches.) ☐

[Save & Exit](#)
[Save & Continue](#)
[Reset](#)
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7. To maintain a department, return to the **Department Maintenance Page** (also seen in step 5) and select the department you wish to edit by clicking the hyperlinked **Department ID**.

Department Maintenance for: Operational Services Division

Department ID	Department Name
<a href="#">00100</a>	PETS PLUS
<a href="#">1</a>	Strategic Sourcing
<a href="#">ALYSSA</a>	Congress
<a href="#">BF1218</a>	Betty's Test Department
<a href="#">BSAS</a>	Bureau of Substance Abuse Services
<a href="#">CDA</a>	Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency
<a href="#">DHCD</a>	Department of Housing & Community Development
<a href="#">DIANE</a>	Diane's Department



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Maintain Department for: Michael Evers Test

**Department Information**

Department ID: ME1 Organization: AGENCY - Operational Services Division

Department Name: Michael Evers Test Status: Active

Allow Manual Override Encumbrance # Auto Encumbrance # Prefix

Alterable ID

Limit Solicitation access for external users (if checked, all Solicitations associated to this Organization will be filtered out of external searches)

Limit Contract access for external users (if checked, all Contracts associated to this Organization will be filtered out of external searches)

Save & Exit Save & Continue Reset

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8. This page is broken up into three sections. Department Information, Department Address List and Department Location List.

In the first section titled, **Department Information**, you are able to edit the Department name and status.

Department Address List

Department Address ID	Department Address Name	Address Info	Status
1017	Michael Evers	1 Appleton Place Room 1017 Boston, MA 02108 US Email: support@oupspeed.com Phone: (617) 722-3197 Fax: (617) 727-4527	Active
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Add Dept. Address

Location List

Location ID	Location Name	Status
1017	Facilities	Active

Add Location

Exit

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9. In the second section titled, **Department Address List**, all addresses within your department may be added or edited.

To add a department address click on **Add Dept. Address**.



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To add a location, click on the **Add Location** button.

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12. **Locations** are the lowest level of the organization structure. Locations are typically used for managing approval paths, default addresses, and Purchaser assignment.

Once complete click **Save & Exit**

Add Location fields include:

- **Location ID** –5-digit alpha numeric ID; once set, it cannot be changed; 5-digit alpha numeric ID, once set ID cannot be changed
- **Department** – select department from the drop-down list
- **Location Name** – required
- **Status** – Active, Deleted, Inactive, Pending
- **Location Type** – options: Department Access, Central Receiving, Inventory, Inventory and Central Receiving
- **Purchaser** – select from the drop-down
- **Ship-to Department Address** – choose a destination address
- **Bill-to Department Address** – choose a bill-to address
- **Account Filter** – Phase II
- **Email To** – select a user from the drop-down list for notification purposes
- **Allow PO Receipt Variance** – controls if PO Receipt Variances are allowed
  - PO Receipt Quantity Variance Percentage (0.0% means no limit) - % option to preset an amount of variance in the items received
  - PO Receipt Dollar Variance (\$0.00 means no limit) - same as above, using the dollar amount as the qualifier instead of quantity
- **Specify Purchaser Allowed** – allows the selection of a specific purchaser for the location, all documents created by this location will default to that purchaser
- **Limit Solicitation Access** – controls if solicitations associated with this location will be filtered out of external searches (e.g., Open Bids)
- **Limit Contract Access** – controls if contracts associated with this location will be filtered out of external searches (e.g., Active Contracts)



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Maintain Department for: Congress

Department Information

Department ID: ALYSSA Organization: AGENCY - Operational Services Division

Department Name: Congress Status: Active

Allow Manual Override Encumbrance #: ☐ Auto Encumbrance # Prefix:

Alternate ID:

Limit Solicitation access for external users (if checked, all Solicitations associated to this Organization will be filtered out of external searches): ☐

Limit Contract access for external users (if checked, all Contracts associated to this Organization will be filtered out of external searches): ☐

Department Address List

Department Suffix ID	Department Suffix Name	Address Info	Status
033	Testing Dept	Operational Services Division Address: Boston, MA 02108 US Email: g33033ear@periscoperepdivings.com Phone: 555-555-5555	Active

Location List

Location ID	Location Name	Status
12345	Numbers	Active

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13. You are able to add as many departments, department addresses and locations as desired (there is no quantity restriction).

Once you are finished adding the department addresses and locations to your department; click **Exit** on the bottom of this screen shot to return to the Departments page.